

USHER

have much experience of, no longer be troubled by; *I used to do it, etc.*, at one time I did it frequently, regularly; *u. up*, take all of, make destruction of, by use; make use of what is over of. **'usage** ('ju:zidʒ), n. Way of using, acting to, something; what is commonly, generally, done. **'-ful** a. Of use. **'-less**, a. Of no use. (ju:s).

'usher, i. n. Person acting as doorkeeper, keeping order in court of law, taking persons to seats in theatre etc.; [Old] under-teacher. 2. v.t. Go before (person) as u. (*u. in* etc.). ('ʌʃə).

'usual, a. Commonly, normally, done taking place. ('ju:ʒuəl).

'usufruct, n. Right of using another's property in way which does no damage to it. ('ju:sjufrakt).

u'surp, v.t. Take (power, position etc.) without right. (ju:zə:p).

'usury, n. Taking over-high interest for use of one's money by others; such interest. **'usurer**, n. One making a business of usury. **u'surious**, a. ('ju:zuri).

u'tensil, n. Vessel etc. for use, sp. in house. (ju:'tensil).

'uterus, [Sc.] n. WOMB. **'uterine**, a. Of the uterus. ('ju:tərəs).

u'tility, n. Quality of being of use. **utilitarian**, i. a. Based on, to do with, utility or utilitarianism. 2. n. Supporter of utilitarianism. **utilitarianism**, n. Theory that acts are right or wrong to the degree in which they are good or bad in effect, sp., that the best rule of existence is to make the greatest number of persons as happy as possible. **'utilize**, v.t. Make use of. (ju:'tiliti).

'utmost, i. a. Farthest; most which is possible. 2. n. All one is able to do (*do one's u.*, etc.). ('ʌtmoust).

U'topia, [Fict.] n. Country with system of society which makes everyone good and happy (from book by Sir T. More, 1516).

'-n, a. Greatly to be desired but very hard to give effect to. (ju:'toupjə).

'utter, a. Complete, highest degree of. ('ʌtə).

'utter, v.t. Make (sound) with voice; put into words; put (false money etc.) into use. **'-ance**, n. Uttering in words; something said; power, way, of talking.

'uttermost, a. UTMOST. ('ʌtmoust).

'uvula, n. Soft part hanging down at back of roof of mouth. ('ju:vju:lə).

u'xorious, a. Being over-loving to the woman one is married to. (ʌk'sɔ:riəs).

V

V, Rom. number 5 (V or v). (vi:).

'vacant, a. EMPTY, sp., with no person in. *V. eyes, look etc.*, eyes etc. without sign

VALID

of interest, thought, sense. **'vacancy**, n. Sp., vacant space; vacant position in business etc. for which someone is needed. **va'cate** (və'keɪt), v.t. Give up living in (house etc.), make vacant. **va'cation**, n. Sp., weeks for which work of university etc. is stopped; [Am.] HOLIDAY. ('veikənt).

'vaccinate, v.t. INOCULATE with vaccine. **'vaccine** ('vaksɪn), n. Poison produced in body by the disease of cows like SMALLPOX. ('vaksineɪt).

'vacillate, v.i. Be changing, uncertain, in opinion, decision. ('vasileɪt).

'vacuous, a. (Of look etc.) VACANT. **va'cuity**, n. ('vakjuəs).

'vacuum, n. Space completely without substance; space from which the air has been pumped out. *V. cleaner*, machine for taking up dust by pull of v.; *v. flask*, vessel with 2 walls having v. between, for keeping liquids warm or cold. ('vakjuəm).

'vade-mecum, n. Handbook etc. which person takes about with him, makes use of frequently. ('veɪdi'mi:kəm).

'vagabond, i. a. Going about from place to place, with no fixed living-place. 2. n. V. person, sp. TRAMP; good-for-nothing. **'-age**, n. Vagabond condition. ('vəgəbɒnd).

va'gary, n. Act, behaviour, idea, without clear reason, strange. (və'geəri).

'vagrant, i. a. Going about from place to place, sp., without fixed purpose. 2. n. V. person, sp., one who may be given punishment by law as being a trouble to society. ('veɪgrənt).

vague, a. Not clear, not strongly marked, uncertain. (veɪg).

vain, a. Without value, solid quality; of no use, having no effect; having an over-high opinion of oneself. *In v.*, without desired effect. **'-glory**, n. Taking overmuch credit to oneself. (veɪn).

'valance, n. Short curtain round frame at top of window or roof-like top of bed, etc. ('valəns).

vale, [Let.] n. VALLEY. (veil).

valediction, n. (Saying of) words of parting. **vale'dictory**, a. (vali'dikʃn).

'Valentine, n. Verses or picture sent to sweetheart on St. Valentine's day (Feb. 14); such sweetheart. ('valəntaɪn).

va'lerian, n. Small, strong-smelling flowering plant; v. root, used medically. (və'liəriən).

'valet, i. n. Manservant looking after man's clothing etc. 2. v.t. Be acting as v. to. ('valit).

'valetudinarian, n., a. (One who is) ill, not strong; (one) taking over-great care of himself medically. ('valitju:di'nəriən).

'valiant, a. VALOROUS. ('valjənt).

'valid, a. (Of reason, argument etc.) good,

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well-based; (of agreement etc.) having force in law. **'-ate**, v.t. Make valid. ('valid).

va'lise, n. Small bag for taking clothing etc. on journeys. (və'li:z).

'valley, n. Low land between mountains, slopes, freq. with river through. ('vali).

'valour, n. Facing danger without signs of fear, sp. in war. **'valorous**, a. ('vələ).

valse, n. WALTZ. (vɑ:ls).

'value, i. n. Quality of being of use, desired, looked on as good, able to be exchanged; amount of money or other goods for which a thing may be exchanged; what a thing is (judged to be) equal to in v.; (in art) relation of light and shade between one part of picture and others; [Mus.] how long a note is; [Math.] amount of which a sign is representative.

2. v.t. Give opinion as to money v. of; have high opinion of. **'valuable**, i. a. Of great value. 2. n. Thing of great money value, such as jewel. **valu'ation**, n. Sp., working out of value of property by expert; value so worked out. ('valju:).

valve, n. Sorts of apparatus for controlling motion of liquid, gas, through pipes etc.; glass bulb with heated wire and one or more plates for controlling direction or amount of electric current in radio; structure in heart, blood-vessel, letting blood through in one direction only; one of 2 or more separate parts of hard outer cover of sea-animal, sp. OYSTER. **'valvular**, a. Sp., of valve(s) of heart, blood-vessels. (valv).

vamp, i. n. Top front part of boot or shoe. 2. v.t. & i. Put new v. on (boot, shoe); put together (writing etc.) from different bits (gen. *v. up*); make up music for song etc. while it is going on. (vamp).

vamp, [Am. Com.] i. n. Woman making full use of her attraction for men. 2. v.t. & i. (Of woman) make use of one's powers of attraction on (man).

'vampire, n. [Fict.] Shade of dead person drinking blood of sleeping persons; one taking money, force, from others as a v. takes blood. *V. (bat)*, sorts of blood-drinking BAT. ('vampaiə).

van, n. Front part of army or sea force which is moving forward or fighting; those responsible for, the first to take up, some new development. **'-guard**, n. Part of army going in front to keep off surprise attacks. (van).

van, n. Covered cart for transport of goods; railway-carriage in which parcels, boxes of persons on journey, etc. are put.

'vandal, n. One who makes destruction of works of art etc. (named from the Vv.). ('vandl).

vane, n. Pointer on top of building making

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clear wind's direction; like apparatus in current of water etc.; blade of PROPELLER etc. (veɪn).

va'nilla, n. (Fruit of) plant with sweet-smelling flowers; liquid from v. used in sweets, ices. (və'nɪlə).

'vanish, v.i. Go from view, sp. suddenly or by degrees; go out of existence. ('vaniʃ).

'vanity, n. Being without true value; what is without value, substance; having an over-high opinion of one's qualities, sp. one's looks. *V. bag, case*, one for woman's face-powder, looking-glass etc. ('vaniti).

'vanquish, v.t. Overcome. ('væŋkwɪʃ).

'vantage, n. See COIGN. **'v.-ground**, n. Position giving one a good view of something. ('va:ntɪdʒ).

'vapid, a. Uninteresting, flat in quality. ('vapid).

'vapour, i. n. Steam, mist, or cloud-like substance; [Sc.] gas form of substance which is more freq. seen as liquid or solid. *The vv.*, [Old] attack of unhappy feeling, loss of physical force. 2. v.i. Be talking foolishly, getting nowhere.

'vaporize, v.t. & i. Get, become, changed into vapour. **'vaporous**, a. **'-ish**, a. Given to vapouring or the vapours. ('veɪpə).

'varicose, [Med.] a. (Of blood-vessels) having become stretched, thick-looking. ('varikʊs).

'varlet, [Old] n. Servant, low, good-for-nothing man. ('va:lɪt).

'varmint, [Hum.] n. Bad boy or girl who gives trouble. ('va:mɪnt).

'varnish, i. n. Liquid giving hard, polished coat to woodwork etc. 2. v.t. Put v. on. ('va:nɪʃ).

'vary, v.t. & i. Make, become, or be different. **'variable**, i. a. (Given to) changing; able to be changed; [Math.] not fixed in value. 2. n. V. thing, sp., sign in mathematics. **'variance**, n. Condition of not being in agreement or harmony (sp. *be at v. with*).

'variant, i. a. Different in some way from the normal or from that with which comparison is made. 2. n. V. form, sp., of word, writing etc. **vari'ation**, n. Sp., (degree of) being variant; variant; [Mus.] MELODY given again in changed form. **'varied**, a. Of different sorts, full of changes. **'variegated**, a. With parts of different colours. **vari'ety** (və'raɪti), n. Quality of not being all, or at all times, the same; number of things of different sorts; (one of) group of things different in some common quality from greater group of which they are part; [Sc.] division of SPECIES; VAUDEVILLE. **'various**, a. Of a number of different sorts, different. ('veəri).

'vascular, a. Of, having, pipe-like vessels

VASE

through which blood, SAP etc. goes. ('vaskjula).

vase, n. Vessel of glass etc. used as ornament or for cut flowers. (vaz).

vaseline, n. Paste got from PETROLEUM, used on skin, for oiling machines, etc. ('vasilin).

vassal, n. [Hist.] One who has to give military or other help to higher landowner in exchange for his land; [Let.] dependent, unfree, person. '-age, n. Vassal's condition. ('vas).

vast, a. Of very great size or amount; [Com.] great in degree. (vast).

vat, n. Great vessel for liquids, as used in wine-making, colouring cloth, etc. (vat).

Vatican, n. Pope's house as representative of his government. ('vatikan).

vaudeville, n. Stage programme of songs, dances, short plays etc. ('voudəvil).

vault, i. n. Arched roof, number of arches going out from middle point or line; room etc. with v.; room under street level for storing wine etc. 2. v.t. Make (roof etc.) arched; make (room etc.) with v. '-ing, n. Arches of roof. (vɔ:lt).

vault, v.i. & t., n. Take jump over, on, or off (something) sp. with hand resting on it as support. '-ing-horse, n. Structure for vaulting over used in physical training.

vaunt, [Let.] v.i. & t., n. BOAST. (vɔ:nt).

veal, n. Meat of young animal of cow family. (vi:l).

veer, v.i. (Sp., of wind) make change in direction; make change in one's opinion (freq. v. round). (via).

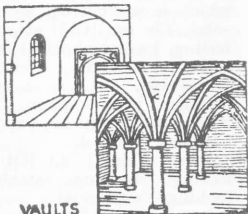
vegetable, i. a. Of, coming from, to do with, plants. 2. n. Plant, sp., sort used as food. **vege'tarian** (vedʒi'teəriən), n. One living on vegetables, taking no meat.

vegetate, v.i. Have existence as a plant; have uninteresting existence without change or new ideas. **vege'tation**, n. Sp., plants generally or of a place. ('vedʒtəbl).

vehement, a. (Of feeling) strong, violent; marked by v. feeling. ('vi:əmənt).

vehicle, n. Carriage, cart, automobile, or other structure used for land transport; thing, person, through which or whom opinions etc. are voiced. **ve'hicular**, a. Of transport vehicles. ('vi:ikl).

veil, i. n. Bit of thin, freq. net-like, material for covering woman's face or head; thing acting as curtain, keeping



VAULTS

VENTILATE

something from view, sp. one's true purpose, thoughts. *Take the v.*, sp., (of woman) go into an order of religion.

2. v.t. Put a v. over; keep (feelings etc.) from being clearly seen. '-ing, n. Sp., material for veils. (veil).

vein, n. Blood-vessel taking blood to heart; one of v.-like lines forming framework of leaf or insect's wing; crack in mass of stone full of some metal, coal etc.; line of different colour in wood, stone etc.; general feeling, humour, of talk, writing etc. (*in a happy v.*, etc.). (vein).

veldt, n. Stretch of open grass-land in S. Africa. (felt).

vellum, n. Skin of goat, sheep etc. as material for covering books and writing on. ('veləm).

velocipede, n. Early sorts of BICYCLE; [Am.] TRICYCLE. (və'lɒsɪpi:d).

velocity, n. Rate of motion, sp. of things. (vi'lɒsiti).

velours, n. Material with thick NAP used for hats etc. (və'lʊə).

velvet, i. n. Silk or silk-and-cotton material with thick short NAP on one side. 2. a. Made of, soft as, v. **velve'teen**, n. Cotton material like velvet. ('velvit).

venal, a. Ready to do something wrong for payment; (of act) done wrongly for payment. ('vi:nl).

vend, v.t. SELL. '-or, n. (vend).

ven'detta, n. Private war between families, common in Corsica. (ven'detə).

vene'er, i. v.t. Get (wood, table etc.) thinly covered with better sort of wood. 2. n. Thin coat of wood; false air, small degree, of learning etc. (və'niə).

venerable, a. With right to veneration, sp. because old. **venerate**, v.t. Have deep respect for. **vene'ration**, n. Deep respect. ('venərəbl).

venereal, a. To do with sex relations (sp. v. disease). (vi'nɪəriəl).

Venetian, n., a. (Person) of Venice. *V. blind*, one formed of thin bits of wood fixed to cords, by adjustment of which light may be let in or kept out. (vi'ni:ʃn).

vengeance, n. REVENGE. *With a v.*, [Com.] to a great degree, very much so.

vengeful, a. Desiring vengeance. ('vendʒənl).

venial, a. (Of crime etc.) not very serious, which may be overlooked. ('vi:niəl).

venison, n. Meat of DEER. ('venɪzn).

venom, n. Poison of snakes etc.; hate, bitter feeling. ('venəm).

venous, a. Of the having, VEINS. ('vi:nəs).

vent, i. n. Small outlet or inlet for air, smoke etc. *Give v. to one's feelings etc.*, give them an outlet. 2. v.t. Give v. to (feeling). (vent).

ventilate, v.t. Get air moving into and out of (room etc.); make public, get

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discussion of, (troubling question etc.). ('ventileit).

ventral, a. Of or on the side of body opp. back. ('ventrəl).

ventricle, n. Hollow, pocket-like part in body, sp., in heart or brain. **ven'tricular**, a. Of, formed like, a ventricle. ('ventrikl).

ventriloquism, n. Act or art of producing with voice sounds which seem to come from point, person, at some distance from talker. (ven'trɪləkwɪzm).

venture, i. n. Undertaking in which there is danger or chance of loss. *At a v.*, with chance as one's guide, on impulse. 2. v.i. & t. Overcome one's fears and do something (*v. to*); v. to put forward (opinion etc.); take a chance of loss of (money etc.). '-some, a. Ready to take chances sp. of danger. ('ventʃə).

venue, n. [Law] Place in which a cause has to be judged; meeting-place. ('venju:).

veracious, a. (Of statement) true; given to making v. statements.

veracity (və'rasiti), n. (və'reɪʃəs).

veranda(h), n. Stage against side of house which is roofed but open to the air. (və-'rændə).

verb, [Lang.] n. Sort of word naming complex operation done by SUBJECT in statement, or joining to it what is said about it, or making statement of its existence, and undergoing certain changes of form in agreement with SUBJECT or as sign of time etc. '-al, a. Sp. of, to do with, words; said, not put in writing; word for word; [Lang.] of, formed from, a verb. **ver'batim** (və:'beɪtɪm), a., adv. Word for word. '-iage ('və:biɪdʒ), n. Words used unnecessarily in writing etc. **ver'bose**, a. Given to, marked by, verbiage. **ver'bosity** (və:'bɒsɪti), n. (və:b).

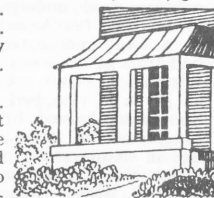
ver'bona, n. Sorts of flowering plant with sweet-smelling leaves. (və:'bi:nə).

verdant, a. (Of grass etc.) young and green; covered with v. grass, leaves; young, without experience. **verdure** ('vɜ:dʒə), n. Mass of verdant plants. ('vɜ:dənt).

verdict, n. [Law] Decision of JURY on question put before them; opinion given after testing, experiencing. ('vɜ:dɪkt).

verdigris, n. Green substance forming on copper as effect of acid or air. ('vɜ:di-grɪs).

verge, i. n. Edge, limit. 2. v.i. Be sloping



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VERTEBRA

(in some direction). *V. (up)on*, be on v. of, near. (vɜ:dʒ).

verger, n. Man looking after inside of church, guiding persons to seats, etc.; one walking with STAFF before high authority in Church or university. ('vɜ:dʒə).

ver'ridical, a. True, in agreement with fact. (və'ridɪkl).

verify, v.t. Make certain that (statement etc.) is true; (of event etc.) be in agreement with, make seem to be right, (statement about future, etc.). ('verɪfaɪ).

verily, [Old] adv. Truly. ('verɪli).

verisi'militude, n. Air of being true. (verisi'militju:d).

veritable, a. True, rightly so named. ('verɪtəbl).

verity, n. (Of statement etc.) quality of being true; true statement; thing which truly has existence. ('verɪti).

vermi'celli, n. Food of grain paste formed into long thin threads. (və:'mi-seli).

vermiform, a. Worm-like in form. ('vɜ:mɪfɔ:m).

ver'million, n., a. Bright red colour. (və'mɪljən).

vermin, n. pl. Animals causing destruction of plants, birds etc.; insects living on bodies of men or animals; low persons. '-ous, a. Like, full of, vermin. ('vɜ:min).

vermouth, n. Sort of wine made bitter with WORMWOOD. ('vɜ:mu:t).

ver'nacular, i. a. (Of word, language) of person's country. 2. n. The language of a country. (və'nækjula).

vernal, a. Of, in, the spring. ('vɜ:nl).

veronal, n. Substance used for producing sleep or making pain less. ('verɒnl).

ver'onica, n. Flowering tree-like plant. (və'ronɪkə).

versatile, a. Turning readily from one sort of work etc. to another, able to do a number of different things. ('vɜ:sətəɪl).

verse, n. (Form of) writing broken into lines having (regular) rhythm; v. line; group of such lines forming unit; small, numbered division of BIBLE. '-d, a. Only v. in, experienced in. **versify**, v.t. & i. Put (prose) into verse; make verses. (vɜ:sɪ).

version, n. Book etc. put into another language; account of an event from some person's point of view. ('vɜ:ʃn).

vers'libre, [F.] n. Verse using mixed rhythms, and not keeping to normal rules. ('vɜə'li:br).

versus, [L.] prep. Against (person in competition, law cause etc.). ('vɜ:səs).

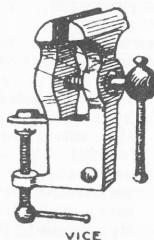
vertebra (vertebrae), n. Any one of the bones of the backbone. '-te ('vɜ:tɪbrɪt), n., a. (Animal) having a backbone. ('vɜ:tɪbrə).

VERTEX

'vertex (vertices), n. Thing's highest point. ('væ:teks ('væ:tisiz)).
'vertical, a. Upright, at right angles to the earth. ('væ:tikl).
'vertigo, [Med.] n. Feeling as if everything about one is going round and round. **ver'tiginous** ('væ:'tidʒinəs), a. Of, causing, vertigo. ('væ:'tigou).
verve, n. Force, colour, in work of art, writing. ('væ:v).
'very, i. adv. In a high degree; in the highest possible degree (*my v. best work*). *V. well*, sp., (int.) all right. 2. a. Itself and no other (*in this (the, her etc.) v. house*). *The v. . . .*, even the . . . ; *the v. thing*, sp., that which is completely right for the purpose. ('veri).
'vesicle, n. Small bag-like part in body; small BLISTER. ('vesikl).
'vespers, n. pl. Form of PRAYERS used in Christian Church at nightfall. ('vespəz).
'vessel, n. Hollow structure, such as cup, pot, for putting sp. liquid in; pipe in body taking blood etc.; ship or boat. ('vesl).
vest, n. Bit of underclothing for top part of body, gen. put on nearest skin. (vest).
vest, v.t. & i. Only *v. (property etc.) in*, give right to property etc. to; *v. in*, (of property etc.) be vested in; *v. (person) with (authority etc.)*, give person authority etc.
'vesta, n. Wax match of sort which may be lighted by rubbing against something rough (freq. *wax v.*). ('vestə).
'vestal, n., a. [Rom.] One of the VIRGINS looking after fires of Vesta (freq. *v. virgin*); [Let.] VIRGIN, sp. one in order of religion. ('vestl).
'vestibule, n. Part of house by outer door, freq. having place for coats and hats. ('vestibju:l).
'vestige, n. Sign, mark, of something; very small bit of something. ('vestidʒ).
'vestment, n. Dress, sp. of PRIEST in church. **'vestry**, n. Part of church in which vestments are kept; committee of PARISH helping in church business. ('vestmənt).
'vesture, [Let.] n. Clothing. ('vestʃə).
vet, i. n. VETERINARY. 2. v.t. [Com.] Have a look over (person etc.) to see if he is healthy; go through and put right (writing etc.). (vet).
vetch, n. Sorts of plant of BEAN family, much used as food for cows etc. (vetʃ).
'veteran, n., a. (One) having much, long, experience of some work, sp., military. ('vetərən).
'veterinary, i. a. Of or for animal diseases. 2. n. Expert in medical care of animals (freq. *v. surgeon* or *vet*). ('vetrinri).
'veto (vetoes), i. n. Right, sp. of ruler, to keep something from becoming law; statement that something is not to be done. *Put a v. upon*, say (something) may not

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be done. 2. v.t. Make use of v. against; not let (something) be done. ('vi:tou(z)).
vex, v.t. Make troubled, angry. **'-ation**, n. Sp., vexing thing. **'-atious**, a. Vexing. **'-ed**, a. Sp., *v. question*, one about which there is much discussion. (veks).
'via, prep. Going past, through, on journey. ('vaia).
'viaduct, n. Bridge, sp. with arches, taking railway, road, over hollow, deep cut. ('vaiaðakt).
'vial, n. Small bottle for liquid for medical use etc. ('vaial).
'viands, n. pl. Food, sp. meat, of different sorts. ('vaiaɪnz).
vi'brate, v.i. & t. Be moving, get moved, quickly back and forward, be shaking; (of stretched cord etc.) give out sound caused by vibrating. ('vaibreit).
'vicar, n. (In Eng. Church) PRIEST in control of PARISH, whose payment comes from outside the Church. *V. of Christ*, POPE. **'-age**, n. House of vicar. ('vikə).
vi'carious, a. Acting as representative of another; done, undergone, by one person for another. ('vaikəriəs).
vice, n. (Any special sort of) wrongdoing; bad trick or tendency.
'vicious ('viʃəs), a. Of, given to, vice; bad-humoured, moved by unkind feeling. (vais).
vice, n. Apparatus in which things may be gripped while being worked on.
vice-, Acting for or as nearest in authority under (*v. -admiral*, *v. -president*). **'vice-gerent** ('vaiz'dʒerənt), n. One ruling etc. as representative of another. **viceregal**, a. Of a viceroy. **'vice-reine** ('vaiz'rein), n. Woman married to viceroy. **'viceroy**, n. Person acting for ruler in dependent country. **vice'royalty**, n. Time of being, position of, a viceroy.
vice, [L.] prep. In place of. ('vaizi).
vice 'versa, [L.] adv. The other way round (*I took his money and v.*). ('vaizi 'væ:sə).
vi'cinity, n. NEIGHBOURHOOD. (vi'siniti).
vi'cissitude, n. Change in conditions, sp. a person's position. (vi'sisitju:d).
'victim, n. Person, animal, put to death as offering to a god; person etc. who is wounded, put to death, or who undergoes great trouble, loss, as effect of some event or the act, design, of another. **'-ize**, v.t. Make (person) a victim for one's purposes. ('viktim).
'victor, n. One who overcomes another.
vic'torious, a. **'-y**, n. The overcoming of others in fight, competition. ('viktrə).



VICE

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vic'toria, n. Open 4-wheeled carriage with seat for two. *V. Cross*, Brit. reward for act done in the face of great danger when fighting in war. (vik'tɔ:riə).
'victual, i. n. Food and drink (gen. *vv.*). 2. v.t. & i. Get vv. for; take in vv. **'-ler**, n. Sp., trader in food or drink. ('vitl).
'vide, [L.] v. (As direction) see (page etc. in book). **vi'delicet** ('vai'diliset), [L.] adv. That is to say (gen. *viz.*). ('vaidi).
vie, v.i. Be in competition (*with*). (vai).
view, i. n. A looking at something; what is seen before the eyes, sp., stretch of country; opinion. *In v.*, in a position where it may be seen; *in v. of*, where it may be seen by; taking into account; *on v.*, open to be viewed by the public; *with a v. to*, for the purpose of, in the hope of. 2. v.t. Be looking at with eyes or mind. (vju:).
'vigil, [Let.] n. Watching, keeping awake; day and night before one of the great days of religion in the Christian Church. **'-ant**, a. Keeping watch. ('vidʒil).
vig'nette, n. Picture in book not framed by lines; picture of head and top part of body of person, shaded off at base; short word-picture of event etc. (vi'njet).
'vigour, n. Force of body or mind. ('vigə).
'vigorous, a. ('vigə).
'Viking, [Hist.] n. Sea-fighter of N. Europe. ('vaikin).
vile, a. Low, disgusting, to be looked on with shame; of very bad quality. **'vilify** ('vilifi), v.t. Say bad things about. (vail).
'villa, n. Small separate house on outskirts of town; (in S. Europe) country house. ('vilə).
'village, n. Group of houses in country, gen. with church, store etc. **'-r**, n. Person living in village. ('vilidʒ).
'villain, n. Very bad man; **VILLEIN**, **'-ous**, a. (As) of a bad man; [Com.] of very bad quality. **'-y**, n. Act(s) of a villain. ('vilən).
'villein, [Hist.] n. One doing work of a servant in exchange for land. ('vilin).
vim, [Com.] n. Force in acting, working. (vim).
'vindicate, v.t. Make clear that (something which has been attacked, doubted) is right, true, good etc. ('vindikait).
vin'dictive, a. Desiring cruel punishment of another for wrong done, hard, bitter; (of act) done by v. person. (vin'diktiv).
vine, n. Plant producing GRAPES. **'-ry** ('vainəri), n. Glass-house for vines. **'-yard** ('vinjəd), n. Land planted with vines.
'vinous, a. Of, like, caused by, wine. (vain).
'vinegar, n. Wine-like acid liquid used in cooking and for keeping food. ('vinigə).
'vintage, n. (Time of) the getting in of GRAPES; (wine made from) GRAPES of any special year. *V. wine*, wine of noted v. ('vintidʒ).

VISAGE

'vintner, n. Trader in wine. ('vintnə).
'viol, n. Old-time instrument of music of which VIOLIN is later development.
vi'ola (vi'oula), n. Instrument like VIOLIN but of greater size. ('vaial).
'viola, n. Sort of PANSY. ('vaialə).
'violate, v.t. Go against (law, rights etc.), be false to (agreement etc.); be acting without right respect for (place of religion); RAPE. ('vaialeit).
'violent, a. Using, marked by, great force; (of feeling) very strong. ('vaialənt).
'violet, i. n. (Blue-red colour of) sorts of small, chiefly sweet-smelling, woodland and garden flower. 2. a. V.-coloured. *V. rays*, the shortest light-rays, used medically. ('vaialit).
vio'lin, n. Instrument of music having 4 cords, played with BOW.
violon'cello ('vaialən'tʃelou), n. Instrument like violin but much greater in size and lower in sound. **violon-'cellist**, n. ('vaial'lin).
'viper, n. Snake with poisoning bite. ('vaipə).
vi'rago, n. Violent, angry woman. (vi'reigou).
virgin, i. n. Girl or woman without sex experience. 2. a. Without sex experience; clean, untouched, unused (*v. soil*). **'-al**, a. (As) of a like a virgin. ('væ:dʒin).
vir'ginia, n. Sort of tobacco, produced in V. *V. creeper*, wall-plant whose leaves become red in the fall. ('væ:dʒinjə).
'virile, a. Having, giving signs of, force, male qualities; of a man of full development. **vi'rility** (vi'riliti), n. ('virail).
vir'tu, n. Only *articles of v.*, small, beautifully made works of art. ('væ:tu:).
'virtual, a. In fact though not in name. ('væ:tʃuəl).
'virtue, n. (Any special form of) being good in behaviour; a good quality in a thing; (of women) not being loose in behaviour. *By, in, v. of*, because of. ('væ:tju:).
virtu'oso, n. Person with special knowledge of, taste for, art; one expert in the operations of some art. **virtu'osity** ('væ:tju:'ositi), n. ('væ:tju:'ouzou).
'virulent, a. (Of poison) strong; (of hate, bad feeling etc.) bitter, poisoning. ('virulənt).
'virus, n. Poison giving disease. ('vaiaərəs).
'visa, i. n. Stamp put on passport as sign that it has been looked at by authority of country the owner is going to and is in order. 2. v.t. Put v. on. ('vi:zə).
'visage, [Let.] n. Face. ('vizidʒ).



VIOLIN

VIS-À-VIS

- vis-à-vis**, *i. prep., adv.* Facing (one another), opposite. *2. n.* Person facing another. ('viza:vi).
- viscera**, *n. pl.* Stomach and other inside parts of body. ('visə).
viscount, *n.* PEER one step higher than BARON. ('vaikaunt).
- viscous**, **viscid**, *aa.* Half-liquid, sticky.
viscosity ('vis'kositi), *n.* ('viskəs, 'visid).
- visé**, *n., v.t.* VISA. ('vi:zei).
- visible**, *a.* Able to be seen. **visi'bility**, *n. Sp.,* weather conditions as clear or not for seeing things at a distance. ('vizəbl).
- vision**, *n.* Act or power of seeing; thing seen with the mind's eye or in sleep etc.; something coming before the senses as if taking place, *sp.* as if from God; uncommonly beautiful person or thing.
-ary, *i. a.* With tendency to see or have belief in visions, strange theories, ideas hard to give effect to; having existence only as a vision of the mind, not possible.
2. n. One who has *v.* ideas, designs; one who sees things not present to the normal senses. ('vizən).
- visit**, *i. v.t. & i.* Go to be with (person) or at (place) for a time; [Old] give punishment for (wrongdoing), give punishment to (person). *2. n.* Act, time, of visiting.
-ant, [Let.] *n.* Visitor. **visi'tation**, *n.* Visit of an authority for purpose of over-seeing; trouble looked on as punishment from God. **-or**, *n.* ('vizit).
- visor**, [Hist.] *n.* Part of fighter's metal head-dress covering face. ('vaizə).
- vista**, *n.* Long narrow view as between lines of trees; line of events looked back on or forward to. ('vista).
- visual**, *a.* Of, to do with, used in, seeing.
-ize, *v.t.* See with the mind's eye. ('vizjuəl).
- vital**, *a.* Of, to do with, necessary to, living; very important, necessary for some purpose. *V. statistics*, those of births and deaths etc.; *v. wound*, one causing death. **-ism**, *n.* Belief that there is a controlling force in living things which is not material. **vi'tality**, *n.* Vital power, power to keep on living; great driving-force in person. **-ize**, *v.t.* Make living, put force into. **-s**, *n. pl.* Vital parts of body, such as heart, brain etc. ('vaitl).
- vitamin**, *n.* Sorts of chemical substance present in certain foods, necessary for keeping body healthy. ('vaitəmin).
- vitiate**, *v.t.* Make without effect, of no use; do damage to the quality of. ('vi:fiət).
- vitreous**, *a.* Of or like glass. **vitri'fy**, *v.t.* Make into glass or glass-like substance. ('vitriəs).
- vitriol**, *n.* SULPHURIC acid or any of its salts. **vitri'olic**, *a.* (Of words, feeling) violent, bitter. ('vitriəl).

VOLCANO

- vi'tuperate**, *v.t.* REVILE. (vi'tju:pəreit).
- vi'vacious**, *a.* (Of person) bright, happy, full of interest. (vi'vei'əs).
- 'viva 'voce**, [L.] *i. a., adv.* ORAL(LY). *2. n. V. test* (freq. *viva*). ('vaivə 'vouzi).
- 'vivid**, *a.* (Of colour, light) bright, strong; (of account etc.) clear, giving living picture. ('vivid).
- 'vivify**, *v.t.* Make seem living, interesting. ('vivifai).
- vivi'sect**, *v.t.* Do operation on (living animal) for purpose of making discovery in science. (vivi'sekt).
- 'vixen**, *n.* Female fox; bad-humoured woman. ('viksn).
- viz.**, *adv.* Short form of VIDELICET. (viz).
- vi'zi(e)r**, *n.* High government authority in Mohammedan countries. (vi'zia).
- 'vocal**, [Lang.] *n.* Word. ('voukəbl).
- vo'cabulary**, *n.* The different words forming a language or used by person, in a book etc.; book or list giving *v.*, *gen.* in ABC order. (və'kabjuləri).
- 'vocal**, *a.* Of, with, for, using, a voice; [Lang.] (of sound) made by voice cords, not simply by breath. *V. cords*, voice-producing part of throat. **-ist**, *n.* SINGER. ('voukl).
- vo'cation**, *n.* Person's sense of being needed for, having right qualities for, certain work, *sp.* of religion; person's work, business. (vou'keiʃn).
- 'vocative**, [Lang.] *n., a.* (Word-form in L. etc.) used in talking to someone. ('vokətiv).
- vo'ciferate**, *v.t. & i.* Say loudly, freq. again and again. **vo'ciferous**, *a.* Vociferating. (vou'sifəreit).
- 'vodka**, *n.* Russian alcohol drink made from RYE. ('vodka).
- vogue**, *n.* General, current use of or interest in something; the thing currently done or used. *Have a great v.*, be the *v.* (voug).
- voice**, *i. n.* Sounds made through the mouth, *sp.* in talk, song etc.; power of producing such sound; words voicing feeling, opinion; right to give opinion; [Lang.] one or other of the *v.-form* groups making clear the relation of the subject to the operation, as doing (*active v.*) or undergoing (*passive v.*). *Give v. to*, put into words. *2. v.t.* Put into words; [Lang.] make (sound) with voice cords, not simply with breath. (vois).
- void**, *i. a.* With nothing in it; (of agreement etc.) without force. *V. of*, without. *2. n.* [Let.] *V. space*. *3. v.t.* Make (agreement etc.) *v.* (void).
- voile**, *n.* Thin cotton dress-material. (voil).
- 'volatile**, *a.* Readily changing into gas; with tendency to be happy, bright, not readily crushed. ('volətail).
- vol'cano**, *n.* Mountain having opening(s) through which gases, lava etc. come up

VOLE

- from inside the earth. **vol'canic** (vol'kanik), *a. Sp.,* produced by volcano. (vol'keinou).
- vole**, *n.* Small rat-like animal. (voul).
- vo'lition**, *n.* Act or power of purposing, desiring. (vou'liʃn).
- 'volley**, *i. n.* Sending, firing, of number of stones, balls etc. at same time; stones etc. so sent; number (of questions etc.) voiced together or quickly one after another; volleying of ball in LAWN TENNIS. *2. v.t. & i.* Send, say, in a *v.*; (in LAWN TENNIS etc.) send back (ball) before it comes to earth. ('voli).
- 'volplane**, *v.i.* Come down in airplane without using engine. ('volplein).
- volt**, *n.* Unit of electric force. **-age**, *n.* Electric force measured in volts. **-aic** (vol'teik), *a.* (Of electric force) produced chemically. (voul).
- 'volte-face**, *n.* Complete change of position in argument or opinion. ('vɔltfəs).
- 'voluble**, *a.* Talking much, quickly; said in *v.* way. ('volju:bl).
- 'volume**, *n.* Number of printed pages fixed together in cover and forming book, *sp.*, as part of a work; moving mass of water, smoke etc.; amount of space taken up by a body or substance; amount, size; amount of sound, its quality as loud or soft. **vo'luminous**, *a.* (Of writing) great in amount; (of dress etc.) loose and full; (of writer) producing much work. ('volju:m).
- 'voluntary**, *i. a.* Acting or done freely, by desire, without being forced; produced, supported, by *v.* work, offerings. *2. n.* Music played in church, not as part of service. ('voləntri).
- volun'teer**, *i. n.* Person offering to do something needed; man in military force which is not part of regular army. *2. v.i. & t.* Come forward, go into army, as *v.*; make offer of (help etc.). (volən'tia).
- vo'luptuary**, *n.* One who gives himself up to comfort and pleasures of senses.
- vo'luptuous**, *a.* Of, designed for, given up to, pleasures of senses. (və'lɒptʃuəri).
- 'vomit**, *i. v.t. & i.* Send up (food etc.) from stomach through mouth; send out (smoke etc.). *2. n.* Food vomited. ('vomit).
- 'voodoo**, *n.* Special sort of MAGIC, common among black men in S. of United States, etc. ('vuduu).
- vo'racious**, *a.* With great desire for, taking great amount of, food etc. (və'rei'əs).
- 'vortex**, *n.* Violently circling water or wind; any circling motion or mass. ('vɔ:teks).
- 'votary**, *n.* Person who has given himself to some cause, work, religion etc. ('voutari).
- vote**, *i. n.* Giving of opinion of number of persons for or against something by

WAFER

- BALLOT, putting up of hands, etc.; right to take part in *v.*; person's opinion recorded by *v.*; number of *vv.* for or against something. *Put to the v.*, get decision about by recording *vv.* *2. v.i. & t.* Give *v.* (for, against, that); make (law), give (money), by voting; give general agreement to opinion of (person, thing) as. (vout).
- 'votive**, *a.* Given, done, in view of undertaking made to God. ('voutiv).
- vouch**, *v.i.* Only *v. for*, make oneself responsible for (person etc.), give undertaking that (statement etc.) is true. **-er**, *n. Sp.,* receipt. (vautʃ).
- vouch'safe**, *v.t.* Be kind enough to give, or (to do something). (vaut'seif).
- vow**, *i. v.t.* Give a very serious undertaking to do, give, or (to, that). *2. n.* Such word or undertaking. *Take the vv.*, go into an order of religion. (vau).
- 'vowel**, *n.* Any of the letters *a, e, i, o, u* or their sounds, or other sounds (such as *oi, ow*) which are said without any stopping of the breath. ('vauəl).
- 'voyage**, *v.i., n.* (Make) journey by sea. ('voidʒ).
- 'vulcanite**, *n.* Sort of hard rubber.
- 'vulcanize**, *v.t.* Put (rubber) through chemical process at great heat to make it stronger and more elastic. ('vɒlkənait).
- 'vulgar**, *a.* Of the general public, the common man; rough, unpolished, in bad taste. *The v. tongue*, the common language of a country. ('vɒlgə).
- 'Vulgate**, *n. L. form of BIBLE.* ('vɒlgeit).
- 'vulnerable**, *a.* Able to be wounded, offering an opening to attack etc. ('vɒlnərəbl).
- 'vulpine**, *a.* Of, like, a fox. ('vɒlpain).
- 'vulture**, *n.* Sorts of great bird living on dead bodies. ('vɒltʃə).
- 'vying**, *Formed from vie.* ('vaiin).

W

- wad**, *i. n.* Mass of soft material used for keeping things separate or in place, or for stopping up hole etc.; [Am.] roll of paper money. *2. v.t.* Put *w.* or wadding in or round etc. **-ding**, *n.* Soft material, *sp.* cotton-wool, for wads etc. (wod).
- 'waddle**, *n., v.i.* Slow sort of walk with roll from side to side. ('wɒdl).
- wade**, *v.t. & i.* Go through water of (river etc.) on foot. *W. through*, *sp.*, get through (book etc.) with trouble. **-er**, *n.* Sorts of long-legged water-bird. *Ww.*, high rubber fishing-boots. (weid).
- 'wafer**, *n.* Very thin biscuit taken with ices etc.; bit of flat bread used for COMMUNION; round flat bit of dry paste used like sticky paper after wetting;